Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (currently amended) An improved camouflage system for use in natural environments comprising:

        a.   an interlaced matrix of closed loop members; and

        b.   a plurality of ~~first~~ camouflage elements ~~each~~ coupled to one of said closed loop members, each of said ~~first~~ camouflage elements comprising a substantially uniform, elongated central segment having first and second ~~axially opposed ends,~~ ~~said first and second ends~~ ends, each end axially extending into first ~~and second simulation segments respectively, each of said~~ ~~first and second simulation segments including aligned lobes~~ ~~disposed on opposite sides of the axis of said central segment,~~ ~~the alignment of the lobes of said first and second simulation~~ ~~segments being opposed to one another.~~

simulation elements, said first simulation elements including aligned lobes disposed on opposed sides of the axis of said central element and being directed forwardly in opposition to the first central segment; and

        (c)   a plurality of second camouflage elements each coupled to one of said closed loop members, each of said second camouflage elements comprising a substantially uniform, elongated central segment having first and second ends, each end axially extending into second simulation elements, said second simulation elements including aligned lobes disposed on opposed

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sides of the axis of said central segment and being directed

rearwardly toward the second central segment.

      2.   (original) An improved camouflage system as
defined in Claim 1 including a garment having an outer surface,
said interlaced matrix being coupled to the outer surface of said
garment.

      3.   (original) An improved camouflage system as
defined in Claim 1 wherein said interlaced matrix is netting.

      4.   (original) An improved camouflage system as
defined in Claim 1 including contrasting visual indicia disposed
upon each of said camouflage elements whereby said camouflage
elements simulate the natural environment.

      5.   (currently amended) An improved camouflage system
as defined in Claim 1 wherein the lobes of said ~~first and second~~
simulation segments are aligned in opposition to one another.

      6.   (original) An improved camouflage system as
defined in Claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said camouflage
elements coupled to said interlaced matrix of closed loop members
is of substantially three-dimensional character.

7. (canceled) ~~An improved camouflage system for use in natural environments comprising:~~

~~(a) a substrate of open loop netting;~~

~~(b) a plurality of first camouflage elements coupled to said netting, each of said camouflage elements comprising a substantially uniform, elongated central segment having first and second axially opposed ends, said first and second ends extending into first and second simulation segments respectively, each of said first and second simulation segments including aligned lobes disposed on opposite sides of the axis of said central segment, the lobes of said first simulation segment being in aligned opposition with the lobes of said second simulation segment;~~

~~(c) a plurality of second camouflage elements coupled to said netting, each of said camouflage elements comprising a substantially uniform, elongated central segment having first and second axially opposed ends, said first and second ends extending into first and second simulation segments respectively, each of said first and second simulation segments including aligned lobes disposed on opposite sides of the axis of said central segment, the lobes of said first simulation segment being aligned facing the lobes of said second simulation segment.~~

8. (canceled) ~~An improved camouflage system as defined in Claim 6 including a garment having an outer surface, said netting being secured to the outer surface of said garment.~~

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9.   (canceled) ~~An improved camouflage system as defined in Claim 6 including contrasting visual indicia disposed upon each of said camouflage elements whereby said camouflage elements simulate the natural environment.~~

10.   (canceled) ~~An improved camouflage system as defined in Claim 7 wherein at least a portion of said camouflage elements coupled to said interlaced matrix of closed loop members is of substantially three-dimensional character.~~

11.   (currently amended) An improved camouflage system for use in natural environments comprising:

(a)   a garment having an outer surface;

(b)   a substrate of open loop netting;

(c)   a plurality of first camouflage elements each coupled to ~~one of~~ said ~~netting~~ closed loop members, each of said first camouflage elements comprising a substantially uniform, elongated central segment having first and second ~~axially opposed ends, said first and second ends~~ ends, each end axially extending into first ~~and second simulation segments respectively, each of said first and second simulation segments including aligned lobes disposed on opposite sides of the axis of said central segment, the lobes of said first simulation segment being in aligned opposition with the lobes of said second simulation segment;~~ simulation elements, said first simulation elements including aligned lobes disposed on opposed sides of the axis of said

central element and being directed forwardly in opposition to the first central segment;

(d) ~~a plurality of second camouflage elements coupled to said netting, each of said camouflage elements comprising a substantially uniform, elongated central segment having first and second axially opposed ends, said first and second ends extending into first and second simulation segments respectively, each of said first and second simulation segments including aligned lobes disposed on opposite sides of the axis of said central segment, the lobes of said first simulation segment being aligned facing the lobes of said second simulation segment.~~ a plurality of second camouflage elements each coupled to one of said closed loop members, each of said second camouflage elements comprising a substantially uniform, elongated central segment having first and second ends, each end axially extending into second simulation elements, said second simulation elements including aligned lobes disposed on opposed sides of the axis of said central segment and being directed rearwardly toward the second central segment; and

(e) visual indicia imposed upon each of said camouflage elements whereby said camouflage elements simulate the natural environment.

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12. (currently amended) An improved camouflage system as defined in Claim 8 11 wherein at least a portion of said first and second camouflage elements coupled to the netting is of substantially three-dimensional character.